IN THE DEEP WOODS... FRAKA, THE PHANTOM'S FIERCE FALCON, TAKES OFF...
!

THAT MEANS HE'S COMING!

UNCLE WALKER* ...DEVIL... HERO... DIANA!
* FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS

HELLO, REX!

DIANA...WHAT A SURPRISE! HOW LONG CAN YOU STAY?
AMBASSADOR CARI GAVE ME A WEEK OFF... MY, HOW YOU'VE GROWN, REX!

GURAN, MISS TAGAMA... HOW GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
THANK YOU, LADY DIANA.
WE ARE HAPPY, TOO!

DID YOU ASK HER YET? YOU KNOW.. ABOUT MARRYING?
QUIET, REX.
GLUB

I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE I'M REALLY HERE.
THE BANDAR ARE PLANNING A HUGE FEAST IN YOUR HONOR.

I PROMISED TO BRING BACK SOME GAME.
DON'T YOU HUNT WITH GUNS?

MORE SPORT THIS WAY. GET READY... THERE'S A BUCK IN THOSE BUSHES...
YOU'RE AMAZING. I CAN'T SEE A THING.

THERE HE GOES, DIANA!
!

BEAUTIFUL SHOT! RIGHT ON TARGET!
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EEEEEEE!

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DON'T MOVE!

IT'S ALL OVER, DIANA. YOU'RE OKAY NOW.
OH.. CAN'T STOP SHAKING. I-I COULD ALMOST FEEL THAT BIG CAT'S HOT BREATH...!
FALK & BARRY

YOU WERE... FANTASTIC! HOW DID YOU MOVE SO FAST?
HAD TO.

IN THE JUNGLE THERE'S NO SECOND CHANCE.

THEY'RE BACK!
WITH THE MEAT!

I WASN'T HUNTING HIM. HE HUNTED ME. IT WAS.. CLOSE!
OH... YOU POOR GIRL...

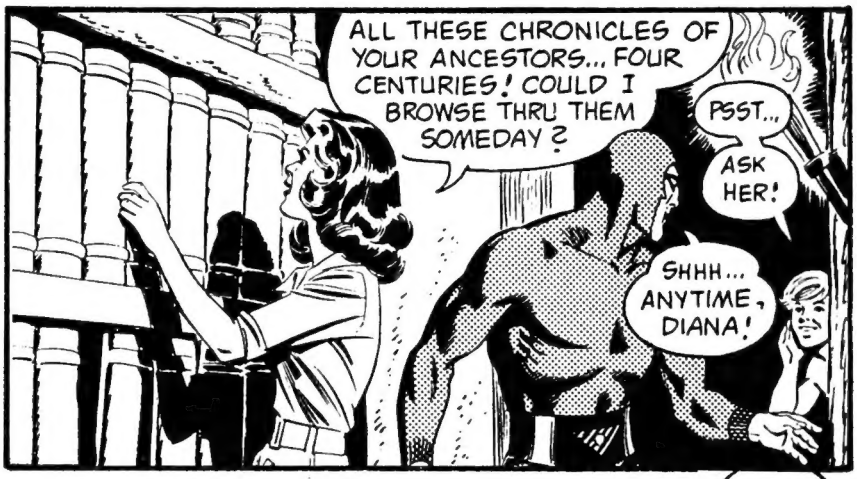
THE DEEP WOODS: A PYGMY BANDAR FEAST HONORING DIANA.

DID YOU ASK HER YET? YOU KNOW..!
WE WERE TOO BUSY... QUIET, REX.

OH, IT'S SO MARVELOUS HERE! I JUST LOVE... EVERYBODY!

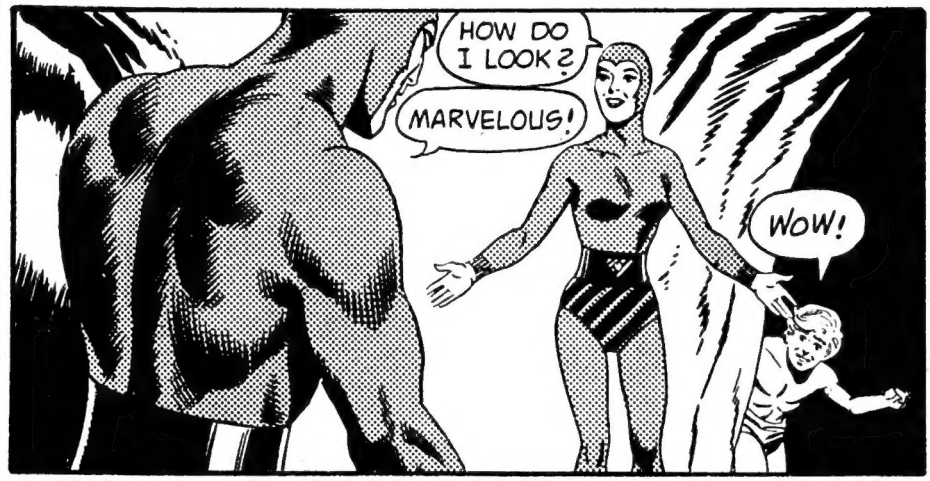
THIS MUST BE THE QUIETEST, MOST PEACEFUL PLACE ON EARTH.

I LOVE TO EXPLORE YOUR SKULL CAVE. IT'S SO..UNIQUE.
IT IS THAT.


ALL THESE CHRONICLES OF YOUR ANCESTORS... FOUR CENTURIES! COULD I BROWSE THRU THEM SOMEDAY?
PSST...
ASK HER!
SHHH... ANYTIME, DIANA!

YOUR ANCESTORS' COSTUMES... JUST LIKE YOURS? THIS ONE WAS A SMALL MAN...

WHEN HER TWIN BROTHER...THE PHANTOM..WAS INJURED, SHE TOOK HIS PLACE.
MAY I TRY IT ON?

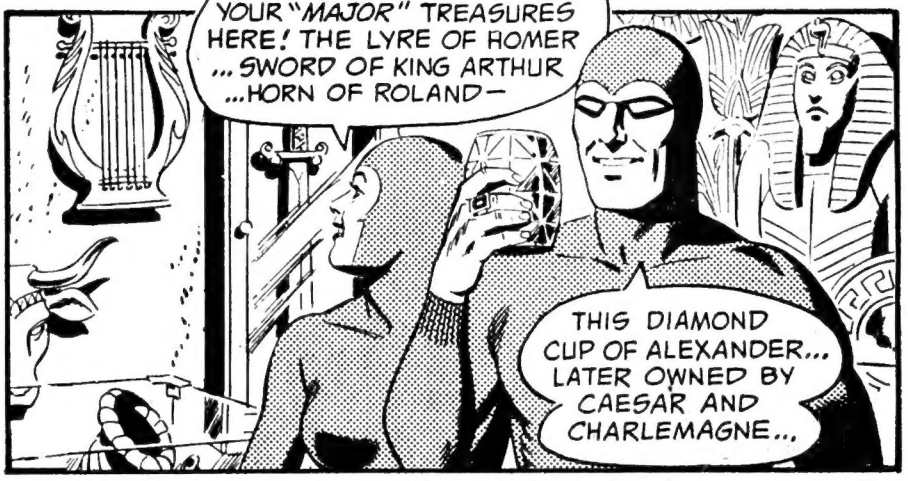

HOW DO I LOOK?
MARVELOUS!
WOW!

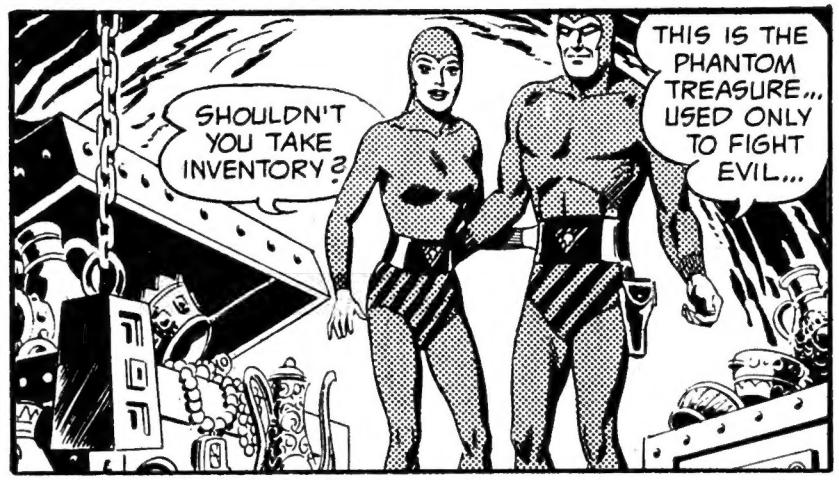
I WONDER IF SHE WOULD REALLY LOVE TO LIVE HERE...

THE PHANTOM'S "MAJOR" TREASURE ROOM... IN THE SKULL CAVE...
PSST...
EXCUSE ME A MOMENT, DIANA...
THIS IS ACTUALLY THE ASP THAT BIT CLEOPATRA ?

SHE'LL BE HERE A WHOLE WEEK! ASK HER (HAHAHOHO) TO MARRY YOU-- HEE-HEE...
GET LOST!

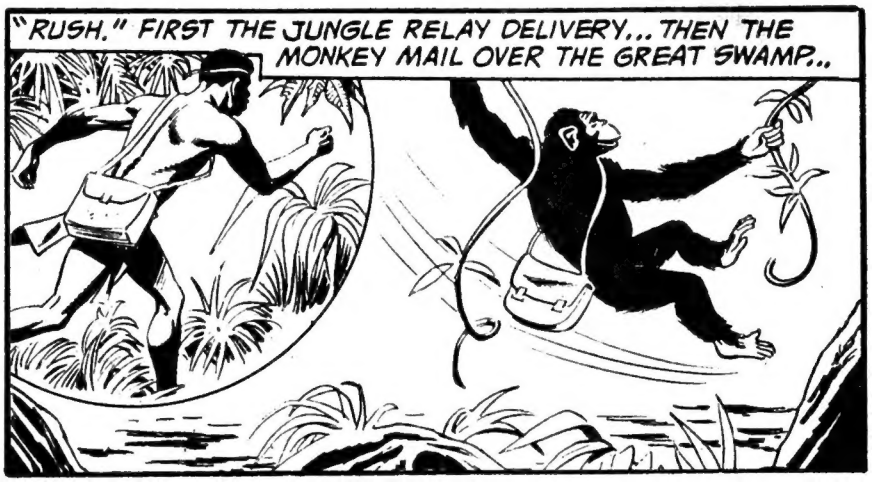
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
A LITTLE PRIVATE JOKE.
TALK BY BARRY


YOUR "MAJOR" TREASURES HERE! THE LYRE OF HOMER ...SWORD OF KING ARTHUR ...HORN OF ROLAND—
THIS DIAMOND CUP OF ALEXANDER... LATER OWNED BY CAESAR AND CHARLEMAGNE...


SHOULDN'T YOU TAKE INVENTORY?
THIS IS THE PHANTOM TREASURE... USED ONLY TO FIGHT EVIL...

LETTER FOR DIANA PALMER, CARE OF MR. WALKER, BOX 7.
I'LL TAKE IT.

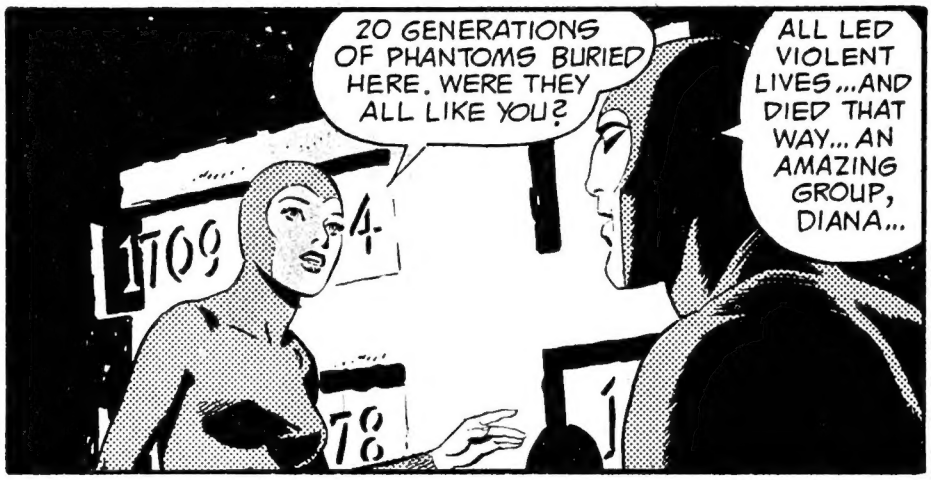
THAT IS THE NAME OF HIS LADY. SHE MUST BE WITH HIM. WE WILL SEND IT RUSH...


"RUSH." FIRST THE JUNGLE RELAY DELIVERY... THEN THE MONKEY MAIL OVER THE GREAT SWAMP...

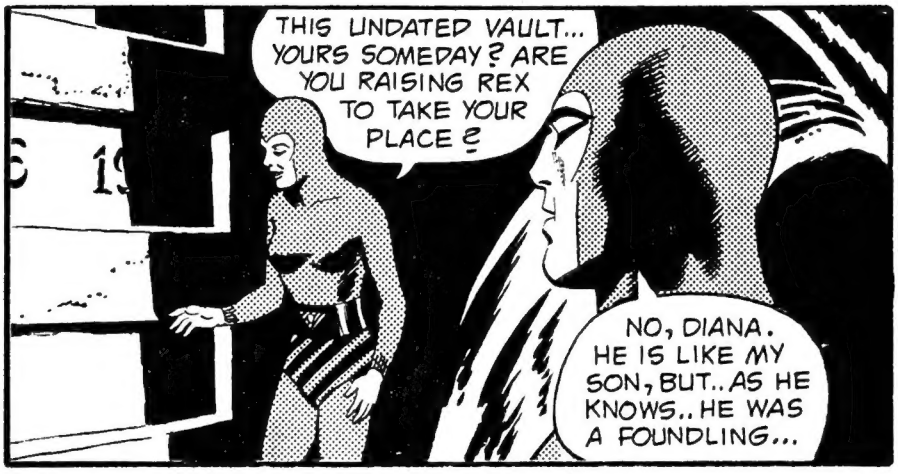
THAT'S MY FATHER'S VAULT. AS IS OUR CUSTOM, I PLACED HIM THERE MYSELF.

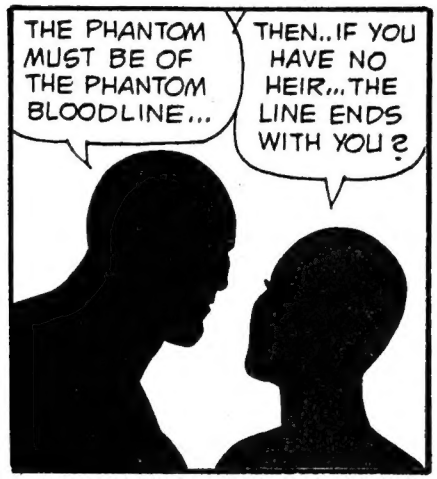
THIS ONE... UNDATED...IS MINE...WHEN MY TIME COMES.
HOW GLOOMY.. TO LIVE WITH YOUR OWN TOMB!

FOR US.. MAYBE FOR ALL MEN... DEATH IS ALWAYS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.


20 GENERATIONS OF PHANTOMS BURIED HERE. WERE THEY ALL LIKE YOU?
ALL LED VIOLENT LIVES...AND DIED THAT WAY... AN AMAZING GROUP, DIANA...

THAT ONE..THE 6TH PHANTOM ...MARRIED A QUEEN OF FRANCE...THAT ONE MARRIED A BARMAID...


THIS UNDATED VAULT... YOURS SOMEDAY? ARE YOU RAISING REX TO TAKE YOUR PLACE?
NO, DIANA. HE IS LIKE MY SON, BUT..AS HE KNOWS..HE WAS A FOUNDLING...


THE PHANTOM MUST BE OF THE PHANTOM BLOODLINE...
THEN..IF YOU HAVE NO HEIR...THE LINE ENDS WITH YOU?

I DON'T WANT THAT. DIANA...I MUST.. ASK... YOU...
WOW! HE'S GOING TO PROPOSE.. AT LAST!

HE'S ALWAYS SO NERVOUS WHEN HE MENTIONS MARRIAGE...

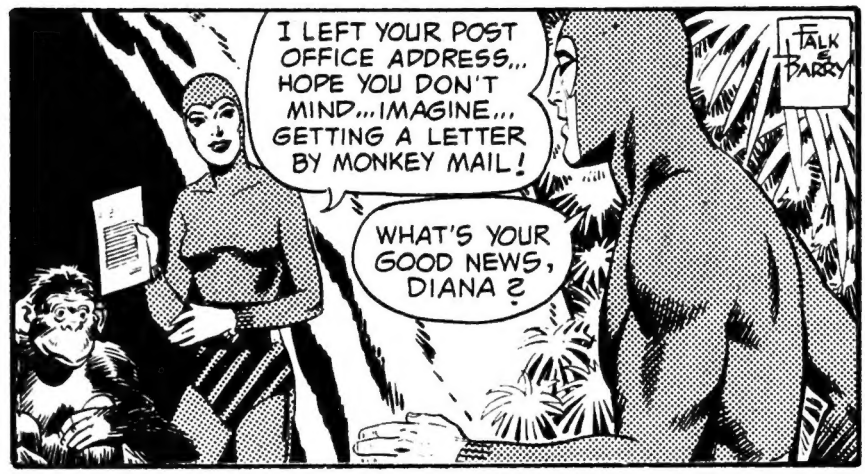
DIANA...I'VE WANTED TO ASK YOU...SOMETHING... FOR SO LONG..IT'S SO HARD TO GET THE WORDS OUT...
JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES.. AND TRY...
DO IT!

DIANA.. WILL YOU...
MONKEY MAIL!

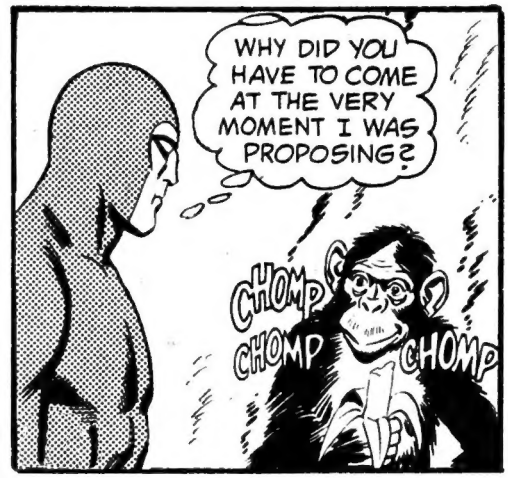
OH... RATS!

LETTER FOR YOU, DIANA.

OH, WHAT WONDERFUL NEWS! I WAS HOPING FOR THIS!


I LEFT YOUR POST OFFICE ADDRESS... HOPE YOU DON'T MIND...IMAGINE... GETTING A LETTER BY MONKEY MAIL!
WHAT'S YOUR GOOD NEWS, DIANA?
TALK & BARRY

FROM AMBASSADOR CARI... ABOUT A NEW JOB I WANTED WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. I GOT IT!


WHY DID YOU HAVE TO COME AT THE VERY MOMENT I WAS PROPOSING?
CHOMP
CHOMP
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WHAT A BAD MOMENT FOR THAT LETTER TO ARRIVE...
RATS! JUST WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO ASK HER TO MARRY HIM...!
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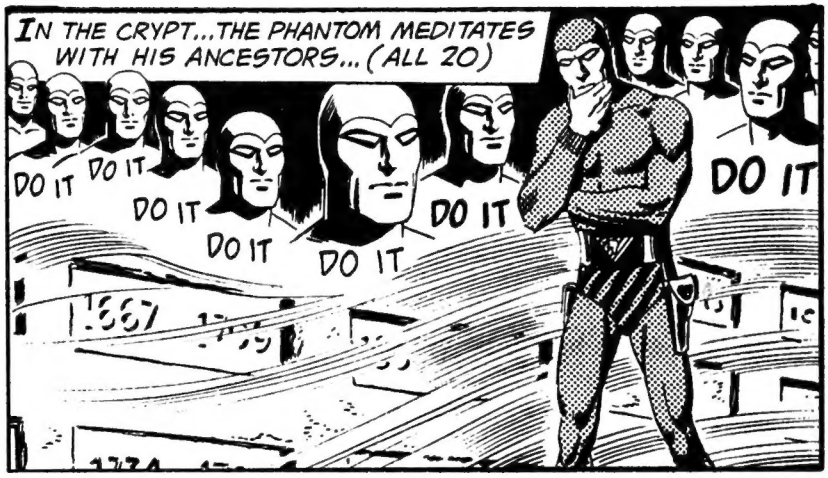
I'M SO EXCITED! I WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS JOB.
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION?


IN THE CRYPT...THE PHANTOM MEDITATES WITH HIS ANCESTORS...(ALL 20)
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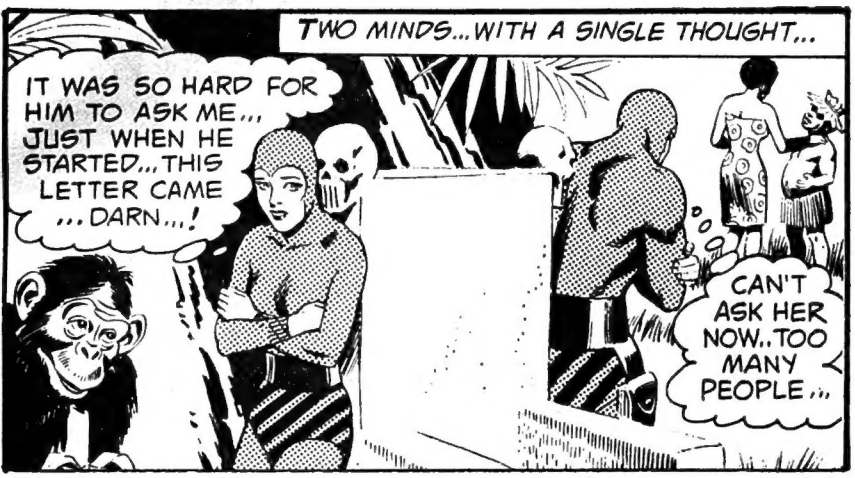

TWO MINDS...WITH A SINGLE THOUGHT...
IT WAS SO HARD FOR HIM TO ASK ME... JUST WHEN HE STARTED...THIS LETTER CAME ...DARN...!
CAN'T ASK HER NOW..TOO MANY PEOPLE...

DIANA... I HAVE AN IDEA...
YES?

LET'S GO TO EDEN!
YES!

ASK HER!
HAVE A GOOD TIME!

EDEN

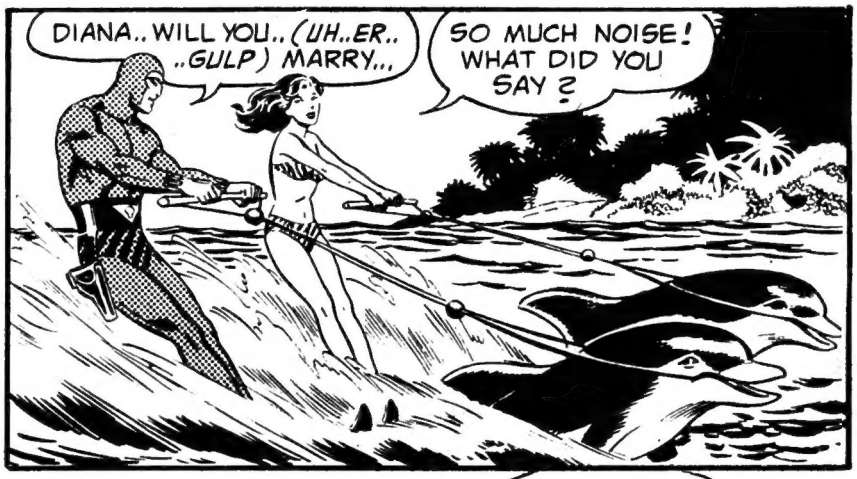
THE PHANTOM'S ISLE OF EDEN... THEY AWAIT THEIR MASTER...
LOOK! THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE!
TALK BARRY

OH...IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO BE HERE!

YOU REMEMBER HZZ?
HZZ.
THE CAVE.. ER.. MONSTER! WHO COULD FORGET?

DIANA... WILL YOU... ER... (GULP)
WHAT?
POOR MAN... HAVING SUCH A HARD TIME SAYING IT...
FALK & BARRY

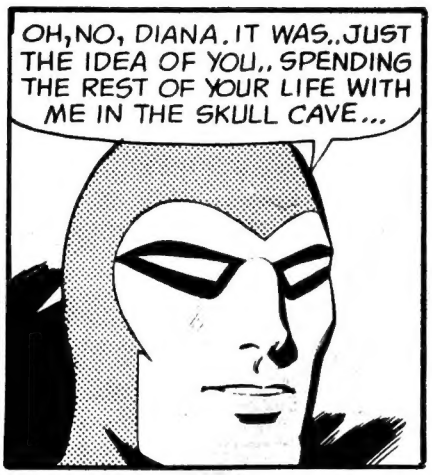
NEFERTITI THE BEAUTIFUL... SOLOMON THE WISE.. THEY REMEMBER ME!
LET'S GO SKIING, DIANA.


DIANA.. WILL YOU.. (UH.. ER.. ..GULP) MARRY...
SO MUCH NOISE! WHAT DID YOU SAY?

DIANA.. WILL YOU.. MARRY ME?...
!
FALK & BARRY

WHAT DID YOU SAY?
(GLUB) I SAID ... YES!

WHEW!.. I FINALLY ASKED YOU... AND YOU SAID.. YES!
WHY WAS IT SO HARD? IS THE IDEA OF MARRIAGE SO AWFUL?


OH, NO, DIANA. IT WAS.. JUST THE IDEA OF YOU.. SPENDING THE REST OF YOUR LIFE WITH ME IN THE SKULL CAVE...

AND NOW.. WITH YOUR EXCITING NEW JOB.. I HATED TO MAKE YOU GIVE IT UP.
GIVE IT UP?

BUT, DEAR, WHEN WE'RE MARRIED, I NEEDN'T QUIT MY JOB.
BUT HOW COULD YOU DO IT... IN THE SKULL CAVE?

I COULDN'T, OF COURSE.
DIANA, MY WIFE.. THE PHANTOM'S WIFE, MUST LIVE WITH ME...

NATURALLY, I EXPECT YOU TO STAY WITH ME, AS MY MOTHER DID WITH MY FATHER... AS ALL THE PHANTOM WIVES DID.
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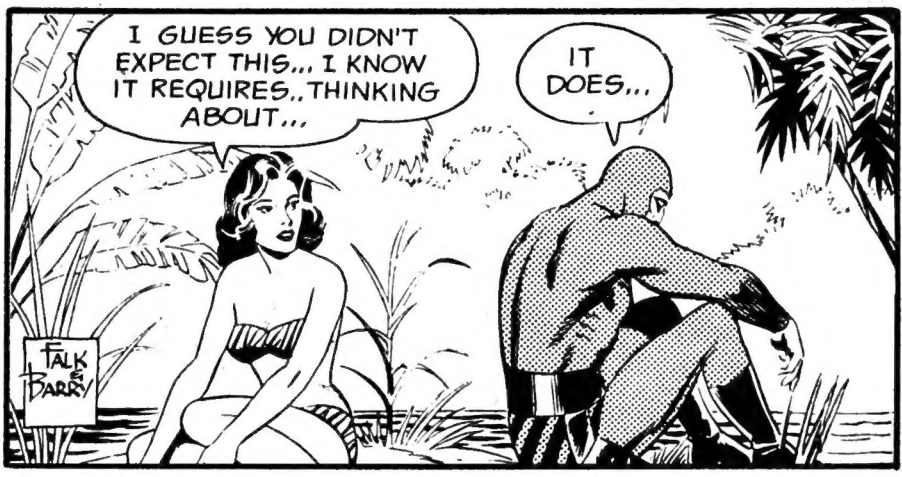
I KNOW YOUR MOTHER AND ALL PHANTOM WIVES FOR 20 GENERATIONS STAYED IN THE SKULL CAVE... BUT THIS IS 1977...


I GUESS YOU DIDN'T EXPECT THIS... I KNOW IT REQUIRES.. THINKING ABOUT...
IT DOES...
FALK & BARRY

I HAVE MY JOB TO DO.. YOU HAVE YOURS... WE'LL BE TOGETHER ALL WE CAN... I KNOW IT'LL WORK...

DIANA, I THOUGHT OF OUR MARRIAGE AS BEING LIKE THIS.. TOGETHER..
IT'LL BE THAT WAY SOMEDAY.. I REALLY HOPE SO...

THEN LET'S..
SHH... NOTHING MORE NOW. I WANT YOU TO HAVE MORE TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT...

FAREWELL TO EDEN...

PLEASE THINK ABOUT OUR TALK... I MUST DO MY WORK, TOO.. I'LL MARRY YOU... WHENEVER YOU ARE READY FOR THAT... GOODBYE.. I'LL MISS YOU!

UNCLE WALKER .. DID YOU ASK... HER?
GO AND PLAY, REX.

HAVE I LOST HER?
MARRY ME, DIANA...
NO.. ME!
PLEASE ... ME!

?

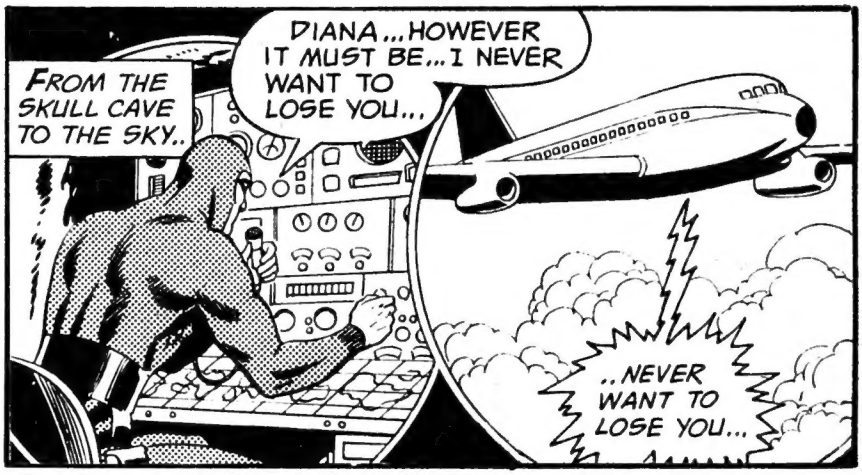
MAWITAAN AIRPORT... COULD YOU GIVE ME THE CALL LETTERS OF FLIGHT 475 THAT LEFT AT 2 PM TODAY?
HMM.. HERE IT IS... 02642...

HAVE I LOST HIM..?
MARRY ME.. I'LL SHARE YOUR LOVELY CAVE...
NO.. ME!
MARRY ME..

CALLING 02642.. 02642..
MISS DIANA PALMER? COULD YOU COME TO THE PILOT'S CABIN? YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY CALL.
OH?!

WHO..? OH..! HELLO..!

DIANA.. DARLING. YOU ASKED ME TO THINK IT OVER. I HAVE. I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR NEW JOB... I LOVE YOU..


FROM THE SKULL CAVE TO THE SKY..
DIANA... HOWEVER IT MUST BE... I NEVER WANT TO LOSE YOU...
.. NEVER WANT TO LOSE YOU...

DARLING.. I'LL WRITE AS SOON AS I SETTLE INTO MY NEW JOB.. BY MONKEY MAIL! I'LL LOVE YOU... FOREVER!

HMM.. WHAT KIND OF "EMERGENCY" WAS THAT?
A LOVELY ONE!

YOU GOT YOUR EMERGENCY CALL. IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, MISS PALMER?
EVERYTHING IS BEAUTIFUL!

YOU TALKED TO DIANA!
YOU RASCAL. WERE YOU EAVESDROPPING?

.. I NEVER WANT TO LOSE YOU...
I'LL LOVE YOU FOREVER...